

HEALTH SCREENING AND TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN



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MEDICAID IS FINDING AND TREATING THE HEALTH PROBLEMS OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

THE HEALTH SCREENING AND TREATMENT SERVICE FOR MEDICAID CHILDREN

Good health is the greatest gift children can have. Without it, they may not be able to reach their goals for education and a place in the world.

Poor children often do not have access to adequate medical care and so have many untreated health problems.

The Federal-State Medicaid program is therefore making early health care available to eligible children in welfare and low income families from birth to the age of 21.

This program will improve their health now and help prevent needless illness in the future.

The program is not only for children with obvious health problems, but also for children who seem well.

Some children's health problems are hidden. The earlier they are found, the more easily they can be treated and cured.

ALL children eligible for Medicaid should be screened and treated.



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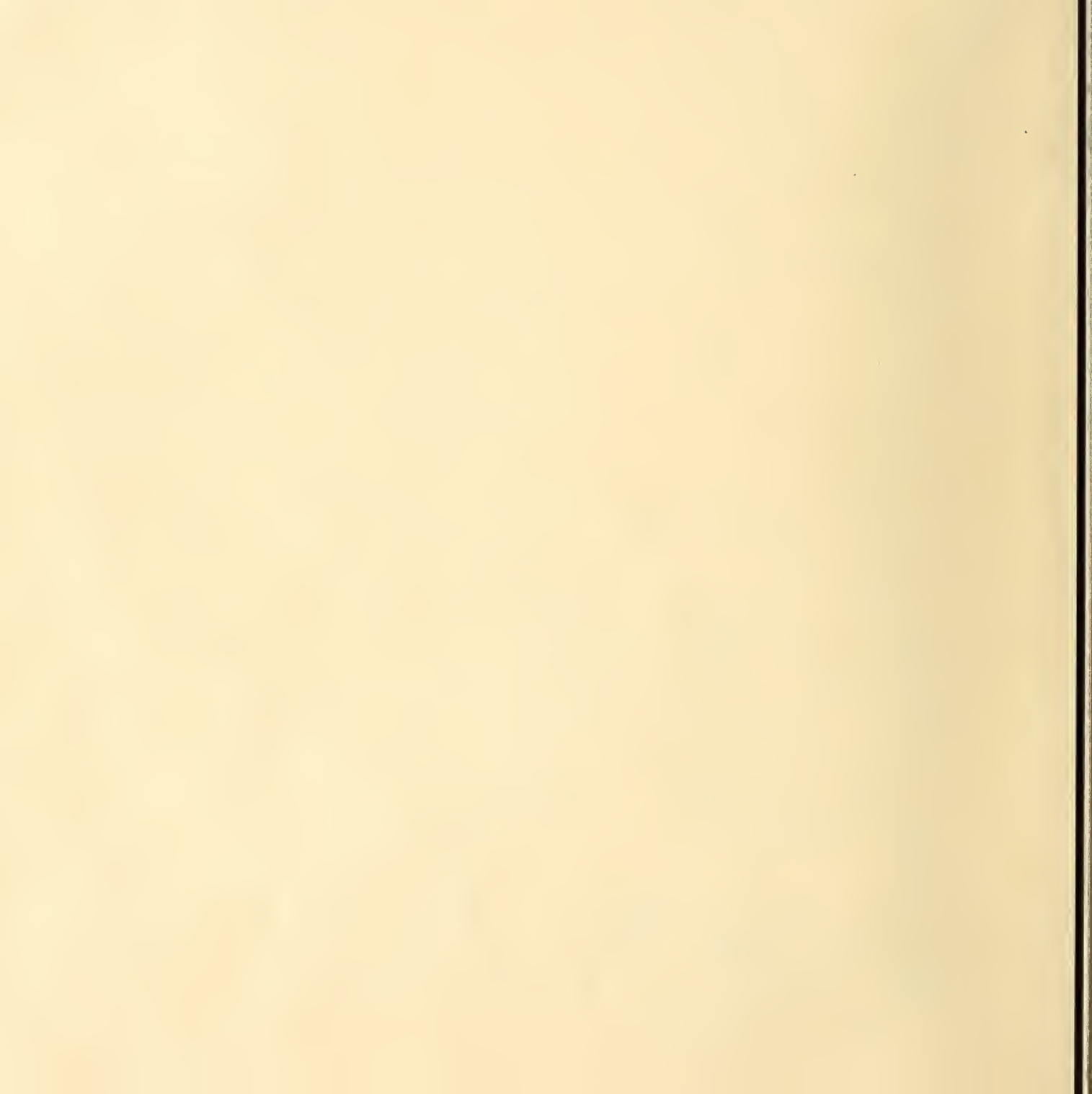
is part of the Federal-State Medicaid program that pays for medical care for eligible low-income people and families.

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is authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in collaboration with individual State governments and in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Questions about eligibility for the Health Screening and Treatment Program for children or for Medicaid can be answered by local Social Service or Welfare Offices. There is one in every county.





WHICH CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE?

That depends on the State.

The list below will give you a general idea of the groups of children covered. Local Social Service or Welfare Offices can answer specific questions about individual children.

WHICH CHILDREN

WHICH STATES

All children and youth under 21 who are eligible for public assistance, included are children and young parents in AFDC families and some children and young people who are blind or disabled.

All States except Arizona, plus D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Children and youth under 21 in AFDC-type families that are "medically needy." Blind and disabled children and youth under 21 who are "medically needy." ("Medically needy" individuals and families have low income and limited savings but do not qualify financially for public assistance.)

Arkansas	Massachusetts	Puerto Rico
California	Michigan	Rhode Island
Connecticut	Minnesota	Tennessee
D.C.	Montana	Utah
Guam	Nebraska	Vermont
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Virgin Islands
Illinois	New York	Virginia
Kansas	North Carolina	Washington
Kentucky	North Dakota	West Virginia
Maine	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Maryland	Pennsylvania	

Children and youth under 21 in foster homes and private institutions for whom public agencies have some financial responsibility.

Arkansas	Maryland	Oregon
California	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Colorado	Michigan	Puerto Rico
Connecticut	Minnesota	Rhode Island
Delaware	Mississippi	South Carolina
D.C.	Montana	South Dakota
Florida	Nevada	Tennessee
Guam	New Hampshire	Texas
Hawaii	New Jersey	Utah
Idaho	New Mexico	Vermont
Illinois	New York	Virgin Islands
Iowa	North Carolina	Virginia
Kansas	North Dakota	Washington
Kentucky	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Louisiana		Wisconsin
Maine		

Children and youth under 21 who do not fit in any of the above groups, but meet the financial requirements.

Connecticut	Michigan	Utah
D.C.	Minnesota	Vermont
Hawaii	New York	Virgin Islands
Kansas	Oklahoma	Washington
Maine	Pennsylvania	Wisconsin
Maryland	Puerto Rico	
Massachusetts		

HOW WILL THE SCREENING BE DONE ?

Each State must identify eligible children under 21, inform their families about the services available, and tell them where and how they can be obtained.

The program must assess a child's physical and mental health and his growth and development.

Children will usually be checked in these health areas, when appropriate:

- vision
- hearing
- dental problems
- growth and development
- nutrition
- immunization against diseases like measles, polio, whooping cough, diphtheria, and smallpox
- heart disease
- tuberculosis
- kidney disease
- venereal disease
- diseases of the ears, nose, mouth, and throat
- anemia and sickle cell anemia
- parasites like pinworms and hookworms
- lead poisoning
- drug abuse

If a child is suspected of having an illness or health defect, he will be referred to a physician or clinic for further examination and treatment.

Eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care will be made available if children need them.

Each child's health history will be kept for follow-up purposes.

Transportation will be provided if a child cannot take advantage of the program without it.

Parents are expected to cooperate by keeping appointments for screening and follow-up care and treatment.

Local Social Service or Welfare Offices can provide details about the program.



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